

# Public Input Invited

## Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Begins

Hazard mitigation planning is the process used to identify risks and vulnerabilities associated with natural disasters and to develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property in future hazard events. The process results in a mitigation plan that offers a strategy for breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage and a framework for developing feasible and cost-effective mitigation projects. Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), local and tribal governments are required to develop and maintain a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan as a condition of eligibility for receiving certain non-emergency federal hazard mitigation grants.

A multi-jurisdictional planning team comprised of representatives from Maricopa County and the 27 participating jurisdictions comprised of tribes, cities, towns and other local governmental entities substantially located within Maricopa County, will be meeting regularly to review, revise and update the current hazard mitigation plan, with specific attention to:

- Natural hazards that may impact or have impacted the community
- Profiles of the most relevant hazards
- Vulnerability assessment to the identified hazards
- Goals and objectives for hazard risk reduction/elimination
- Mitigation actions/projects to achieve the stated goals and objectives
- Plan maintenance strategy for the next 5-year cycle

An updated draft of the plan is expected in February 2015. For additional information, please visit [http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg\\_Mgt/links.aspx](http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt/links.aspx) or contact your community's representative as listed below:

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